

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 236357

60

ORIGIN EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 CCO-00 SS-15 SSO-00 ISO-00 /028 R

66616

DRAFTED BY: EUR/RPM: VLEHOVICH

APPROVED BY: EUR/RPM: GBHELMAN

S/S-O: GTWOHIE

----- 000181

O 260128Z OCT 74 ZFF4

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW IMMEDIATE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 236357

TOSEC 195

FOLLOWING REPEAT BONN 16771 ACTION SECSTATE INFO NATO CINCEUR

DATED 24 OCT 74

QUOTE

UNCLAS BONN 16771

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MPOL, NATO

SUBJECT: SECRETARY CALLAWAY'S STATEMENT RE ADDITIONAL

US COMBAT TROOPS IN EUROPE

REF: (A) USNATO 5911, (B) BONN 16593

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF REFORGER PRESS RELEASE  
NO. 74-120 CONCERNING SECRETARY OF THE ARMY HOWARD  
CALLAWAY'S OCTOBER 18TH REMARKS ABOUT THE ASSIGNMENT OF  
ADDITIONAL US COMBAT TROOPS TO EUROPE:

"KATTERBACH (ARMY) 18 OCT - SECRETARY OF  
THE ARMY HOWARD H. CALLAWAY UNVEILED ARMY PLANS TO  
BUILD UP U.S. ARMY COMBAT STRENGTH IN EUROPE BY  
CUTTING BACK ON SUPPORT TROOP UNITS AND REDUCING  
THE NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS AT OVERSEAS BASES.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 236357

"HIS REMARKS CAME DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE AT REFORGER 74 CONTROL SITE HERE TODAY. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THIS WAS NOT A POLICY ANNOUNCEMENT BUT A PLAN THAT WAS BEING CONSIDERED IN ORDER TO MEET THE DESIRES OF CONGRESS WHICH HAS CALLED FOR A REDUCTION IN SUPPORT ELEMENTS OVERSEAS WHILE ALSO MAINTAINING THE CURRENT SIZE OF THE ARMY IN EUROPE.

"THE PLAN, AS OUTLINED BY CALLAWAY, WOULD PLACE A BRIGADE SIZE UNIT OF 6,000 SOLDIERS ON A ROTATIONAL BASIS BETWEEN GERMANY AND THE U.S. AND THE AMERICAN PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THIS UNIT WOULD SERVE HERE WITHOUT DEPENDENTS IN AN EFFORT TO SHARE DOWN COST.

"CALLAWAY SAID THERE WERE OTHER ALTERNATIVES, SUCH AS ADDING COMPANIES TO BATTALIONS ALREADY IN EUROPE. 'BUT IT IS VERY LIKELY THAT WE WILL HAVE BRIGADE TYPE UNITS COME OVER HERE WITHOUT DEPENDENTS,' HE SAID.

"THIS CONTEMPLATED SHIFT IN THE TEETH-TO-TAIL COMBAT RATIO WOULD NOT INCREASE THE NUMBER OF AMERICAN TROOPS IN EUROPE, ACCORDING TO THE ARMY SECRETARY.

"UNDERSCORING THE IMPORTANCE OF REFORGER, WHICH HE WAS HERE TO OBSERVE, CALLAWAY SAID, 'THE SIZE OF THE WARSAW PACT FORCES IS SUFFICIENTLY MORE THAN THE NATO FORCES SO THAT WE WOULD NEED BOTH ADDITIONAL COMBAT FORCES ON THE GROUND AND THOSE THAT CAN DEPLOY HERE.'

"CALLAWAY SPENT 24 HOURS WITH REFORGER TROOPS IN THE FIELD BEFORE DEPARTING FOR FRANKFURT."

COMMENT: THE SUBJECT OF ADDITIONAL U.S. COMBAT TROOPS BEING ASSIGNED TO EUROPE HAS AROUSED CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 STATE 236357

INTEREST IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. IN THIS CONNECTION SEE REFTTEL (B) TYING IN A GERMAN PRESS REPORT TO THE EFFECT THAT SECDEF SCHLESINGER IS ABOUT TO VISIT BONN WITH PROPOSED INCREASES IN U.S. COMBAT FORCES STATIONED IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC.  
HILLENBRAND  
UNQUOTE  
INGERSOLL

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** TROOP DEPLOYMENT, SPEECHES, TROOP REDUCTIONS, MILITARY PLANS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 26 OCT 1974  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** garlanwa  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1974STATE236357  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** EUR/RPM: VLEHOVICH  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D740306-0410  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1974/newtext/t19741013/aaaaakne.tel  
**Line Count:** 115  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ORIGIN EUR  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** (A) USNATO 5911, (B) BONN 16593  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** garlanwa  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 13 MAY 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <13 MAY 2002 by boyleja>; APPROVED <28-Oct-2002 by garlanwa>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** SECRETARY CALLAWAY'S STATEMENT RE ADDITIONAL US COMBAT TROOPS IN EUROPE  
**TAGS:** MPOL, US, XG, NATO, (CALLAWAY, HOWARD H)  
**To:** MOSCOW  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005